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10. (Amended) A method of displaying documents connected by links on a
5 computer device, comprising:
 providing a graphical display of the computer device;
 displaying document symbols, using a computer program, that represent the
documents and link symbols representing the a link relationship of the documents;
 calculating a similarity measure between a starting document and each other
10 document; and
 augmenting the document symbols by a marking dependent on the calculated
similarity measure.

18. (New) The device of claim 5 wherein the relative arrangement of said
15 symbols is modified such that the distance between any said symbol representing
any said other document and said symbol representing said starting document is
related to said measure of similarity by a known mathematical function.

19. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein said step of displaying respective
20 symbols and symbol characteristics comprises the steps of:
 calculating a physical display location at a distance away from said symbol of
said starting document which is related to said measure of similarity for each said
remaining document in said operative group by a known mathematical function; and
 displaying each said remaining document in said operative group at said

calculated physical display location.

- 3 - REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B